Third Member of Council.—The population of the place is only 5,000 and there does not seem to be any necessity for an Assistant Surgeon just at present. The town has to develop further and the place is not unhealthy. There is moreover difficulty in getting suitable medical officers and it is not possible to sanction an Assistant Surgeon for such a small town.

SUBJECT NO. 236.

Posting an Assistant Surgeon to Tiptur.

Messrs. D. S. Mallappa and G. K. Gurappa, Tiptur Taluk.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—While discussing the case of an Assistant Surgeon for Maddagiri, it was said that the place was not unhealthy and that there was no necessity for an Assistant Surgeon. But Tiptur town is very unhealthy and it is very necessary that the Dispensary should be in charge of an Assistant Surgeon.

Third Member of Council.—Tiptur is a Railway town and is very conveniently situated with reference to Tumkur where there is a District Medical Officer and a suitable medical staff. Gubbi is only a few hours journey from Tumkur. It is just possible in a few years more, we can get Sub-Assistant Surgeons with L. M. S. qualifications. But nothing can be done now.

SUBJECT NO. 237.

Improving the feeder channel of Karadi tank.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur Municipality.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—Some years ago, a sum of Rs 2,500 was sanctioned for repairing the feeder channel of the Karadi tank. The work was not taken up and now more than three times that amount would be necessary as the rates have gone up considerably. The work may be taken up without further delay.

Dewan.—The estimate has been sanctioned but there is some correspondence about rates. The matter will be expedited.

SUBJECT NO. 238.

Putting up an *Anicut* across the *halla* near Singadahalli.

Mr. Thimmannaiya, Tumkur District Board.

A large quantity of water now goes to waste through a huge *halla* near Singadahalli. A new tank may be constructed to collect all this water and utilize it for cultivation. This new tank may irrigate about one thousand acres. This is a very profitable work and should be undertaken.

Second Member of Council.—The Deputy Commissioner may write to the Chief Engineer in regard to this matter and get it settled early.

SUBJECT NO. 239.

Levy of acreage cess for silt clearing in Mavattur channel.

Mr. G. B. Madhvachar, Koratagere Sub-Taluk.

Mr. Madhvachar.—A lot of silt is collected in the Mavattur channels and as the Zamindars are generally not in the locality, no attempt is made to remove the silt. The local ryots are unable to take any action in the matter with the result that the cultivation is impeded for want of water in the tank. Sometimes, there will be no timely rains and cultivation must be undertaken in unusual times depending more or less on the

channel water. If the ryots do not get even the water, it is impossible for them to cultivate the lands. Sometimes, in order to escape the payment of contribution, the lands are not cultivated at all. Hence, arrangements may be made by Government to remove the silt levying an acreage cess on the landholders to meet the expenses of Government. This may be collected along with the assessment. There will not be any trouble.

Mr. Ananthiah.—Similar inconveniences are experienced elsewhere also. If the collection of the cess is entrusted to the Deputy Commissioner and also the control over the work, the matter will be expedited. It does not require any technical skill and every Deputy Commissioner has a Maramat ngineer in the District who can get the work done. If such a thing is ordered, we shall provide all the necessary facilities by way of labour, etc., The point is that the work of collection and control over the clearing of silt should be entrusted to the Revenue Department.

Dewan.—We shall consider. The Deputy Commissioner will be asked to expedite.

SUBJECT No. 240.

Opening of a Railway line to Chiknayakanhalli.

'Mr. Seetharamaiya', Chiknayakanhalli Municipality.

Mr. Seetharamaiya.—Chiknayakanhalli is second in size to the District head-quarter and yet the statistics show that its trade is in a very backward condition. *Copra* is an important article of trade in the taluk and very little is exported from this place, mainly for want of Railway facilities. Much of the *copra* goes from the interior villages direct rather than through the taluk head-quarter. A Railway line may therefore be opened from Mysore to Chiknaykanhalli *via* Nagamangala and Turuvekere.

Third Member of Council.—There is a Railway hardly 12 miles from this place and the commodities may be conveyed thither for export. It is not immediately possible to think of a Railway line to this place.

Mr. Venkatesiah.—Railway questions are of general importance affecting the Railway policy of the Government. It would therefore be more convenient if all Railway questions are brought under General Subjects hereafter.

Dewan.—Will be considered.